



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are serious and treatable health problems that may impact as many as 63 percent of Americans, either through their own personal addiction or through the addiction of a friend or family member; and

WHEREAS, studies show that perhaps more than 200,000 Virginians could benefit from treatment for substance use disorders, and their untreated substance use disorders impact their families and communities while also surfacing in the criminal justice system, child welfare system, family and social service agencies, and faith-based and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and every \$1 invested in treatment results in a return of \$4 to \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft; and

WHEREAS, with positive support and encouragement, people who are struggling with an addiction can overcome stigma and discrimination to recover and lead healthy and productive lives, and many recovering Virginians and their families and friends choose to share and celebrate their recovery experiences to inspire and educate others; and

WHEREAS, Virginians seeking treatment for addiction deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs that offer appropriate referrals as well as access to treatment services; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services along with the forty community services boards that constitute Virginia's public addictions treatment services system fully embrace the concepts of self-determination, empowerment and recovery while promoting dignity, choice, and the highest possible level of participation in work, relationships, and community life;

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Office of Substance Abuse Services of the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) are participating in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* and embrace the theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community*"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize September 2006 as **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large initial 'R' followed by a cursive 'n' and a long horizontal stroke.

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine F. Hanley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Secretary of the Commonwealth